

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
October 30, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Cooperative”) was held on October 30, 2019, at the offices of the Cooperative pursuant to previous Board resolution.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Kenny Owen. The following Directors were present: Kenny Owen, David Stump, Kevin Taffner, Matt Schlichting, Karl Morey, Tom Williams, Charles Webb, Karen Nims, and Jerry Marti. Directors absent: none. Also present were Jeff Hull, CEO/General Manager; Shawn Battagler, General Counsel; and staff members Shawna Phipps, Tim Riley, David Engelage, Sharla Wilkerson, Tara Littlejohn, Bobby Pulliam, Dennis Gariss, Travis Willhite, Kem Mein, Andy Marti, and Todd Suschnick.

A prayer of invocation was offered by Tom Williams. Karen Nims led the Board in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board considered its consent agenda consisting of minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting, membership applications, and September disbursements. Following discussion, on motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Karl Morey and passed, the actions required for the consent agenda were approved and the minutes were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed written staff reports. Department leaders answered questions about department activities, including Operations, Accounting, Billing and Member Services. Topic of interest included: CFC Cost of Service Study; safety and energy efficiency communications; board and employee education; OCR maintenance; facilities security; and blinking light diagnosis issue due to a cracked insulator. On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board resolved to accept the staff reports.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

**STAFF REPORTS &
STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE**

David Engelage presented the Safety Report for August. He discussed the following: no accidents, no work comp claims, no near misses; work comp presentation; TOMO drug testing; training; auto accident damaging a pole; inspections; equipment testing; and safety committee meeting. On motion made by Matt Schlichting, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the Board resolved to accept the Safety Report.

SAFETY REPORT

President Kenny Owen reported his attendance to the meeting of KAMO Electric Power Cooperative. Items of interest included: construction; lost time accident; technology services report; charging station at headquarters; contract close-out; line maintenance; updating policies and AECI update.

KAMO BOARD REPORT

CEO Hull gave a report on the AMEC Annual Meeting. Others who attended also reported on their impressions of the meeting.

AMEC ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD REPORT

CEO Hull presented his monthly report He reported on: Federated report; irrigation; ADM update; Empire/Liberty Wind Farm issues; KAMO projected rates; NRECA update; rate review; notification of passing of Darren Eckhoff; employee health concern; and staff retreat. On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Jerry Marti and passed, the Board resolved to approve the CEO Report.

CEO REPORT

On motion made by Kevin Taffner, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board approved Policy 635 as presented.

POLICY 635

Policy 640 was presented for review.

POLICY 640

The Board reviewed the Bylaws and discussed items identified by management and legal counsel.

BYLAW REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Staff members left the meeting.

The Board reviewed the preliminary 2020 Budget.

2020 BUDGET

On motion made by Tom Williams, seconded by Matt Schlichting and passed, the Board approved the 2020 Right-of-Way Budget.

2020 RIGHT-OF-WAY BUDGET

The Board discussed options for managing 2019 margins. On motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Kevin Taffner the Board considered implementing Option 3 as presented by Staff. The motion was passed for further discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

2019 MARGINS

On motion made by Charles Webb, seconded by Tom Williams and passed, the Board scheduled a special Board meeting following the strategic planning meeting scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019.

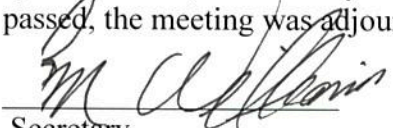
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following Executive Session, there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Jerry Marti, seconded by Charles Webb and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary

Approved:

Chairman